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Dear Dr. Lederberg,

I am involved in having my father's "Principles of Genetics" film series transferred to tape so that these valuable films will be preserved and made available to interested geneticists and historians of science. As you may know, Bonnie Kaiser saved Hunter College's nearly complete set from disappearing, and now the Rockefeller Archive Center has graciously agreed to store them in their special vaults. Working with Darwin Stapleton, we have been able to obtain the missing films from Victor McKusick, so now we are ready to begin the transfers. Our current plan is to do transfers of five films and make a 5-10 minute sampler from them to send around to people to raise the requisite \$40,000-\$50,000 for the full project.

Before we do these transfers, we need to establish who is the holder of the copyrights for these films. Darwin suggested that you might have saved relevant information from when you participated in this series. If you have anything that might be useful, e.g., a contract that you signed with my father, with the Calvin Company (the people who did the filming), or with McGraw-Hill, I would greatly appreciate receiving 4 copies.

Thanks very much.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ira H.", is written over a horizontal line.

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